

## MYAN (Australia) 2007 - 2017



## OUR STORY

Since our formal inception in 2007 as an unfunded structure, MYAN (Australia) has facilitated a nationally coordinated response to addressing the rights and needs of young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds in policy and service delivery.

In 2017, MYAN (Australia) is proud to have MYAN-affiliated bodies in every state and territory. We are now a recognised national body – providing policy advice, capacity building activities and supporting young people to be leaders at a national and international level.

## OUR VISION

Our vision is that all young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds can access the support and opportunities they need to be active participants in, and contributors to, Australian society.

## ABOUT US

**MYAN (Australia) is Australia's national body representing the rights and interests of young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds.**

We are an advocacy non-profit body that provides advice to government and capacity building to those who work with young people.

We work in partnership with young people, government and the non-government sectors to promote the interests of young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds, and to support a targeted approach to addressing these in policy and service delivery.

We also support the development of young people's skills and networks to engage in advocacy and influence the national agenda.

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# MYAN (Australia) Snapshot 2007-2017

2007

- First formal meeting held at Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY) with representation from all states/territories
- Creation of the National Multicultural Youth Issues Network (NMYIN)
- First *Multicultural Youth Briefing Paper* prepared to support advocacy work



2008

- Name changed to National Multicultural Youth Advocacy Network (NMYAN), auspiced by CMY
- Recognition by Government of the need for a national body
- Part-time workers support the development of NMYAN
- Prepared first national policy submissions to *Homelessness Inquiry*



- Secured funding for one year from Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC), auspiced by CMY
- Secured funding for two years from (DIAC)
- Established a cross-sector reference group to support NMYAN
- Undertook scoping study of state/territory needs

2009



2010

- Name changed from NMYAN to MYAN (Multicultural Youth Advocacy Network)
- Made national submissions for parliamentary inquiries, conference presentations
- Pilot funding for MYAN NSW, MYAN WA, MYAN ACT and MYSA
  - Launched MYAN website
- Released Election Platform



2011

- Secured funding for additional year
- Lead agency in consortium to develop *National Youth Settlement Training Package*
- Delivered national training on supporting young people seeking asylum
  - Project funding for MYAN NT and MYAN TAS
- Prepared multiple policy submissions - *National Human Rights Action Plan, Inquiry into Multiculturalism, Schools Funding Review*
- Contributed to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) Child Rights Report
  - eNewsletter launched



2012

- Released national policy paper *Unaccompanied Minors in Australia*
- Secured funding for three years, including for MYAN NSW, MYAN ACT, MYAN NT, MYSA, MYAN QLD, MYAN WA, MYAN TAS
- Made policy submissions, including *Access & Equity Inquiry, Anti-Racism Strategy, National Settlement Framework, Employment Services*
- Delivered training in NSW, TAS and WA



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2014

- Hosted Australia's first national multicultural youth summit 'FUZE 2014', Sydney
  - Commissioned *CALD Youth Census Report: Australia's first-ever census analysis of culturally diverse young people*
  - MYAN NSW launched as an independent organisation
- Secured funding for development of MYAN TAS, MYAN QLD and MYAN WA
- Commenced development of *National Youth Settlement Framework*
  - Implemented new governance and operational structure

2013

- Presented at opening plenary of the International Child Welfare Conference, Italy
- MYAN NSW supported through MYAN Aust and CMY to become independent organisation
- Hosted the *Refugee Youth in Focus* national forum in partnership with the University of Sydney
- Made submission to DIAC's Humanitarian Program
- Released MYAN Election Policy platform
- Commenced scoping for a national MYAN Youth Advisory Group
- MYAN advocacy supports funding for MYAN ACT from ACT government



2015

- Established MYAN Youth Ambassadors Network (YAN)
- Engaged in national support role for the Youth Transitions Support Pilot
  - MYAN TAS established
- Multicultural Youth QLD (MyQ) established
  - Partnered with the University of Melbourne in Australian Research Council Linkage Project - *CALD Youth Census/MY Survey*



2016

- Launched Australia's first-ever *National Youth Settlement Framework (NYSF)*
  - Delivered national training on the NYSF
  - Coordinated the *Global Refugee Youth Consultations (GRYC)* in Australia with Refugee Council of Australia (RCOA)
  - Supported youth representatives at UNHCR international meetings, Geneva
- Delegates to Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN) consultations, Bangkok, supporting youth advocates
- Established the Special Interest Group on education pathways with RCOA
- Contributed to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) 25 years Australian Progress Report
  - Released MYAN Election Policy Platform

2017

- Delegate to the Annual Tripartite Consultations on Resettlement (ATCR) Working Group on Resettlement in Auckland, sharing NYSF
  - Delegate to UNHCR meetings, Geneva, supporting youth advocates
- Delivered training to New Zealand Red Cross on the NYSF
  - Delivered workshops and webinars with Australian Institute of Family Studies
- Made submissions to *Migrant Settlement Inquiry, Strengthening Multiculturalism, School to Work Transitions*
- Hosted first national conference, in partnership with the University of Melbourne



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